

changes that some of you are talking about. I am not sure how sincere some of you are really in making the changes, though, because I think what you really want to do is kill sunshine in Nebraska. You force those of us who are in favor of the Sunshine Act to go ahead and kill the bill even though we would not want to kill LB 210. That is what I am saying. In other words, as Senator Simon said, you probably are not going to kill the bill anyway because this is the bill which will shut off the sunshine. The DeCamp amendment will do just that and that is all the further you want to go. The only problems with the Sunshine Act, as you well know, were the amendments which were put on 789 during the process of passing it, that were put on it to kill it, and then, lo and behold, the bill passed and we all had to live with them. Now LB 210 is the vehicle for making those constructive positive changes to make the sunshine law really live and work the way it should. In other words, what I am saying is, I would be the first to admit that there are some refinements, some corrections that could be made in the Sunshine Act, and if there are some people, for example, on some of the boards and commissions who feel that they are being harassed, who feel that they have a hardship, I think LB 210 as it was before the DeCamp amendment was addressing itself to those problems, that there was some semblance of relief. I think 210 was all right as it was, but for people to be fearful of the unknown is a natural tendency. Until people got these particular forms and filled them out, they were fearful of them. I think, as was just mentioned, that the information in there, for example, you don't get into the amounts of money, you don't get into the actual amounts owed to banks. There are a lot of things that people think they are being harassed and their privacy is being violated, that just isn't true. Those of us who have filled out these reports know that it isn't true. I do not agree fully with Senator Burrows that it does not supply some information, though, that it does not put some sunshine out to show where people are coming from, to show where their income basically comes from, to show if they own real estate. That is about all it does. That is all it ever was intended to do. It is a disclosure act. That is all. It was not intended for causing hardship, for harassing. I think that we will make the biggest mistake of this legislative session if we kill the Sunshine Act. No matter how we do it, whether we do it with an amendment to LB 210 or whether we do it through the bill that has just miraculously come out of committee, Senator DeCamp. I don't care how you go about it. If you kill the Sunshine Act this session, it will be the biggest mistake of this session.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, I don't know how many people have filled this political accountability form out that they have. I filled it out, and if you think that is sunshine in Nebraska, some one has got their head screwed on backwards, I think. There isn't anything in that thing that isn't public record already but it is an harassing thing to fill out, I will say that. Now my newspaper at home went over to get a complete copy of all of these because the law says you can get a complete copy of it, but the law also says, which they didn't